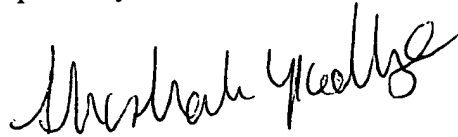## Remarks

Now pending are claims 1 to 20, of which claims 1, 2, 10, and 11 are independent. The applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 10-13 and 15. In those claims the applicants have amended them to simply to clear up some typographical errors. No change of scope was intended. Most of the amendments changed the word "said" to "the" in the claims. Claim 14 should be allowable now that the objection is corrected. Similarly, the amendment to claim 5 corrects the objection. With respect to the "band shaped" electrodes, the applicants submit that this is readily definable given the skill of the ordinary artisan in making secondary batteries and also in view of the specification page 7 bridging to page 8, that adequately describes the band shape, coil shape and separators.

The independent claims, where necessary, are amended to include further structural limitations. For example, claim 1 now includes the limitations regarding coating the positive electrode with a mixture of the active material plus a binder, and coating a metal foil on both surfaces. This is not taught or suggested in the art. Similarly, claim 2 includes the limitation concerning dissolving the salt in a non aqueous electrolyte. The remaining independent claims are not amended as they stand allowed. The applicant further notes that Biensan is directed to lithium-nickel alloys, not lithium-cobalt alloys.

Conclusion

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and believes that the claims as presented represent allowable subject matter. But if the Examiner desires, the applicant is ready for a telephone interview to expedite prosecution. As always, the Examiner is free to call the undersigned at 312-876-2622. The Examiner's attention is also drawn to the new correspondence address.

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